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1. On 2 December 1953, Camp Kannenburg at Templin troop training grounds was occupied by 25 to 30 soldiers. On 26 November, a master sergeant and about 25 to 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia went by rail from Eberswalde to Templin. The master sergeant was observed at the guardhouse of Camp Kannenburg on 27 November. After 29 November, about 120 soldiers engaged in construction and demolition work at the Zaarenschleuse. Trucks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] shuttled food ration supplies and material. On 30 November and 1 December, heavy artillery fire was heard from the vicinity of Gastaven. At about 8 p.m. on 30 November, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were seen en route from Kannenburg to Beutel and later en route from Beutel to Forest Section No 43. On 25X1  
December, about 100 soldiers practiced firing with dummy ammunition with 3 T-34/85 tanks south of the fire watch tower. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted]
2. On 5 December, Camp Kannenburg was occupied by a guard detail.<sup>1</sup>
3. At about 6 p.m. on 17 November, a train with 16 trucks passed through Templin railroad station toward Eberswalde. At 7:30 a.m. on 18 November, a shipment of 21 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Templin from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeded toward Vogelsang. No shipments were observed at Templin railroad station between 24 November and 1 December.
4. Between 24 November and 5 December [redacted] the firing range was enlarged as far as Densow-Mangereford.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
5. Between 16 and 19 November, two buildings in the east section of the barracks installations northwest of Vogelsang, which had hitherto been vacant, were occupied. Soldiers were seen engaged in clearing work in the billeting area. No training activity was noticed. The barracks installation was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. A small truck parking lot was established east of the guardhouse. Twelve trucks and 2 buses were parked there. 25X1
6. Between [redacted] and [redacted], [redacted] construction sites in the west section of Forest Section No 43, east of the barracks area. [redacted] made excavations for 3 or 4 buildings. A field railway led to the construction site. 25X1

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7. [REDACTED] in 1954, the barracks installations northwest of Vogelsang will be enlarged by the BUP at a calculated cost of 6,000,000 DM est.

8. After about late November, the quarters of the barracks installations northwest of Vogelsang were occupied to capacity. About 15 uniformed women with red-bordered black epauletts were seen in one of the buildings. Furthermore, numerous women in civilian clothes were seen in the billeting area after about 20 November. They were apparently officers' wives. On 24 November, 17 newly arrived T-34 tanks [REDACTED] 3 x 57-mm AT guns and 10 heavy machine guns were parked in the garages and in the yard respectively. About 80 motor vehicles including sedans, trucks, jeeps and buses were seen on the parking lot. [REDACTED]

9. Between 20 November and 2 December, [REDACTED] excavations had been made east of the barracks area. More barracks buildings were apparently to be built there.<sup>3</sup>

1. Comment. The guard unit in Camp Kannenburg, which was reported on 19 November, was probably relieved on 26 November.

2. Comment. Presumably, a shipment of recruits for the 111th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div in Vogelsang.

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